

HOUSE No. 1193

By Mr. Petersen of Marblehead, petition of Douglas W. Petersen and James B. Eldridge relative to the impact of charter schools on municipal finances. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 6 of chapter 227 of the Acts of
3 2002, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsec-
4 tion:—

5 (ss) Notwithstanding any foregoing provision to the contrary,
6 the commonwealth shall reimburse 40% of the cost of charter
7 school tuition to cities and towns whose public school students
8 average in the top 25% of the students in all standardized exami-
9 nations in any year.

1 SECTION 2. The department of education is hereby authorized
2 and directed to conduct a cost benefit analysis of charter schools
3 with special attention to the impact of charter schools on munic-
4 ipal finances. Said analysis shall be filed with the clerk of the
5 house of representatives on or before December first, 2006.